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FOR DR. BREZEZINSKI

FOLLOWING IS REPEAT TAIPEI 1221, SENT SECSTATE 07 MAR:

QUOTE S E C R E T TAIPEI 1221

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MNUC, TW

SUBJECT: US NUCLEAR TEAM'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. DCM CALLED ON MOFA VICE MINISTER CHIEN, MARCH 7, TO REMIND HIM THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE PROMISED RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE CONCERNING COMPRIMO, AND TO INFORM HIM THAT NUCLEAR TEAM'S REPORT VIRTUALLY COMPLETED AND THAT USG PROPOSALS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON.

2. REGARDING COMPRIMO, CHIEN APOLOGIZED FOR THE DELAY IN RESPONDING, SAYING HE HAD BEEN REMISS IN NOT PRESSING INER

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FOR THE DETAILED WRITTEN EXPLANATION HE HAD DEMANDED. HE SAID HE HAD ASKED INER TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS DEALING WITH COMPRIMO AND AN ACCOUNT OF THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH THE FIRM. CHIEN ADDED "OFF THE RECORD" THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH VICTOR CHENG THAT THE COMPRIMO MATTER WAS AN OLD ONE AND THAT ANY CONTACTS WITH THE FIRM SUBSEQUENT TO THE "SEPTEMBER ASSURANCES" TO US WERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF

ENDING THE COMPRIMO CONNECTION. NONETHELESS HE SAID HE HAD "INSISTED" THAT INER GIVE HIM A DETAILED WRITTEN REPORT, AND THAT HE WOULD NOW REMIND INER THAT HE WANTED THIS REPORT PROMPTLY.

3. WITH REGARD TO NUCLEAR TEAM REPORT AND FORTHCOMING PROPOSALS, CHIEN'S ONLY RESPONSE WAS TO REMARK WITH A SOMEWHAT IRONIC SMILE THAT "WE (THE GROC) SHOULD PREPARE OURSELVES". HE GAVE NO INDICATION OR HINT, HOWEVER, THAT THE THOUGHT OF SEIZING THE INITIATIVE ON NUCLEAR PROPOSALS FROM US WAS ON HIS MIND.

4. COMMENT: IF THE GROC DID, IN FACT, HAVE THOUGHTS OF PRESENTING ITS OWN PROPOSALS TO US PRIOR TO HEARING RESULTS OF TEAM'S VISIT AND LEARNING NATURE OF OUR CONSEQUENT PROPOSALS, DCM'S MEETING WITH CHIEN MAY HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN FORESTALLING SUCH UNWELCOME APPROACH. NEVERTHELESS, WE FEEL IT IMPORTANT TO MAKE OUR DEMARCHE WIONIYS LIONLE FURTHER DELAY AS POSSIBLE. TO THIS END, AND IN ORDER TO SPEED UP OUR IN-HOUSE CLEARING AND CONSULTATION PROCESS, WE WOULD URGE THAT TEAM'S FINAL REPORT BE SENT TO EMBASSY BY SPECIAL COURIER RATHER THAN BY REGULAR DIPLOMATIC POUCH WHICH NORMALLY TAKES FROM TWO TO THREE WEEKS. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF SPECIAL COURIER COULD BE SOMEONE WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH BACKGROUND OF TEAM'S VISIT AND WHO COULD SPEAK WITH TECHNICAL COMPTENCE ABOUT FINDINGS. UNGER UNQUOTE. VANCE

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